

League of Arizona
Cities AND Towns



2016 MUNICIPAL POLICY STATEMENT

OVERVIEW

The 91 incorporated cities and towns of Arizona are responsive to their constituents and efficiently deliver the essential services their citizens demand through transparent operations, fiscal responsibility and long range planning. Cities and towns are where the majority of the state's population lives and works and where the economic vitality of the state thrives. This Municipal Policy Statement represents the 2016 policy priorities adopted to ensure cities and towns throughout Arizona continue to have the necessary tools to maintain high quality service delivery to residents and businesses.

CORE PRINCIPLES

The League of Arizona Cities and Towns is governed by two core principles: 1) Preserve local control, and 2) Protect shared revenue. Adherence to these principles is the foundation of all the League's efforts. We will support legislation that reinforces these principles, and oppose any that undermines them.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Cities and towns are at the forefront of economic vitality and growth. Incorporating these policies would advance financial success.

Legislative Priorities

- Preserve the Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) allocated to Arizona cities and towns, and follow the statutory formula for its distribution.
- Foster economic development by allowing cities and towns to create financing mechanisms to invest in infrastructure and other improvements in designated areas.
- Create renewable energy and conservation financing districts for commercial properties on a voluntary basis.
- Authorize the creation of retention and detention basin improvement districts.
- Support funding to accelerate the design and construction of State Route 189 in ADOT's Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

Citizens expect local government to be fiscally stable, fair and reasonable in its enforcement, and efficient in its procedures. These concepts further enable municipalities to achieve those goals.

Legislative Priorities

- Support thorough reform of the PSPRS System that achieves the goals outlined by the League's PSPRS Task Force.
- Allow cities and towns to place reasonable balances on public record requests that are overbroad, abusive, or incessant.
- Make the requirements for annexation a more effective process, especially when property owners and municipalities are in agreement.
- Expand state licensure requirements and local enforcement authority for drug rehabilitation and recovery housing.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Citizens want great places to live and thrive. Vibrant communities retain the people that live there, and attract new citizens as well.

Legislative Priorities

- Partner with cities and towns for the operation and maintenance of Arizona State Parks under long term leases.
- Restore the Arizona Housing Trust Fund and the Arizona State Park Heritage Funds.

FEDERAL ACTION

When all levels of government work together all levels of society can prosper. We call on the federal government to help our cities and towns continue to succeed.

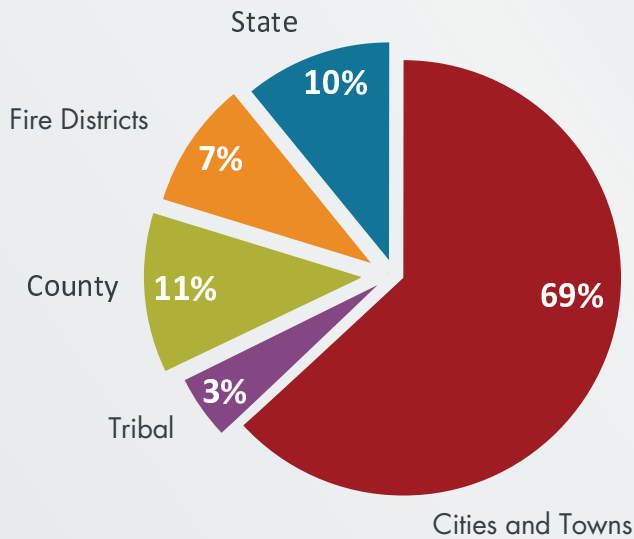
Legislative Priorities

- Urge Congress to compel the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to improve its communication with municipalities when studying changes to flight paths.
- Support the enactment of equal taxation of online retail purchases.
- Retain the tax exempt status for municipal bonds.
- Support Arizona's military installations.



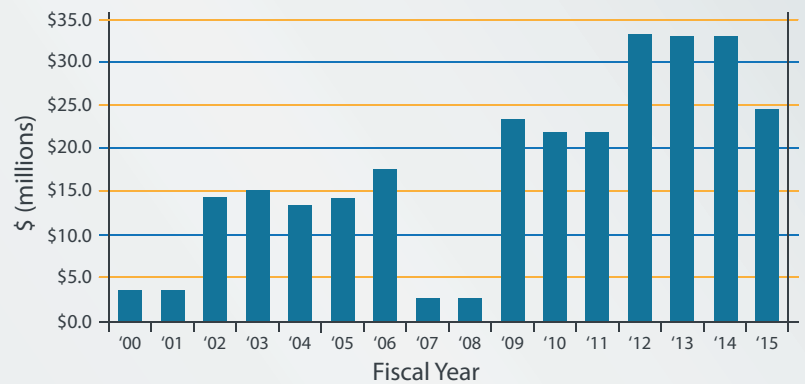
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PSPRS MEMBERSHIP BY EMPLOYER



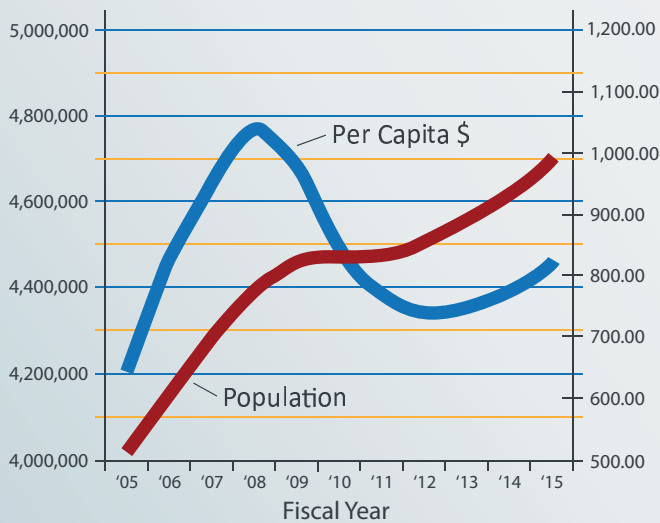
79% of Arizonans live in one of the state's 91 incorporated cities and towns.

HURF Transfers from Cities and Towns to DPS (2000 - Present)

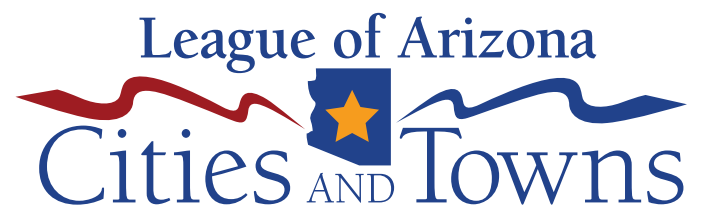


Cities: Average population up, spending down

Arizona's cities and towns are responsible stewards of taxpayer resources. Although average populations have grown by 6 percent, average spending per capita is now nearly 20 percent lower than it was before the recession.



Source: Budgets of 25 largest cities by population



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